UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

BOBBY McGUIRE,

Plaintiff.

-vs-

Case No. 15-C-0093

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

DECISION AND ORDER

Plaintiff Bobby McGuire ("McGuire") seeks leave to proceed *in forma* pauperis ("IFP") (ECF No. 2) on his appeal from the denial of his application(s) for social security disability insurance benefits. In order to authorize a litigant to proceed IFP, the Court must make two determinations: first, whether the litigant is unable to pay the costs of commencing this action; and second, whether the action is frivolous or malicious. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a) and (e)(2)(B)(i). The Court must deny a request to proceed IFP if (1) the allegation of poverty is untrue; (2) the action is frivolous; (3) the action fails to state a claim; or (4) the action seeks monetary relief against an immune defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

By his petition and affidavit to proceed IFP, McGuire avers that he is single. Monthly, McGuire receives \$189 in public assistance. McGuire owns a 2001 Chrysler Sebring worth \$6,000. However, he owns no other valuable tangible property and has no funds in a checking or savings account. McGuire's monthly expenses of \$347 exceed his monthly total income.

Based on the information provided, McGuire has satisfied the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) by demonstrating that he is unable to pay the \$350 filing fee for this action. Furthermore, McGuire's Complaint states an arguable claim for relief. Accordingly, McGuire's petition for leave to proceed IFP is granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

McGuire's petition for leave to proceed IFP (ECF No. 2) is **GRANTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 27th day of January, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

HON. RUDOLPH T. RANDA

U.S. District Judge